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Democratic Talk Is About Texas

By Marie McNair

THERE WERE nothing but smiles at Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pittman's garden cocktail party yesterday in honor of

Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, and the Texas delegation and their wives.

The Speaker made it on time. Senators Lyndon Johnson and Price Daniel came direct from the Senate after a vote which had detained them until after 7 o'clock.

The Speaker and Lyndon Johnson, fresh from a Texas victory which returned the Democrats to the Democratic Party, couldn't help but feel a bit triumphant. "We gave 'em hell," said the Speaker. And Sen. Johnson, looking marvelously healthy and tan, wearing a brown suit and black pin-dotted white shirt, was telling his friends about what went on in Texas.

"A man called me up at 4 a. m.," he said. "You're a father; you've got two little daughters; the intruder went on. Well, so have I. And I just want to tell you, I've just brought in the state of Nevada."

The Pittman house, on an off-street way out Sixteenth st., has a beautiful fenced garden which slopes down to the edges of Rock Creek Park. Dogwood trees and azaleas are abloom; and yesterday the hosts got a break with the weather. Only a few drops fell when everyone should have been going home anyway.

The party was predominately Democratic. All the Texas delegation was there and the other party was represented by Representative Les Arends, Representative and Mrs. Sid Simpson, Representative Charles Halleck, Edgar Morris and Mr. and



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Mrs. James C. Black. Unofficial Republicans were members of Burning Tree Golf Club where Ralph Pittman plays.

"Lady Bird" Johnson, hatless and wearing a navy blue full silk coat, got a big hug when her husband arrived. And the Senator got a congratulatory embrace from former Representative Ewing Thomason, now a Federal Judge in El Paso.

Mrs. Price Daniel had been first to a cocktail party given by Hank Fort, and Mrs. Ken Regan, wife of former Representative Regan of Texas.

THAT LOUD BANG which punctuated the air and made nearly everyone jump two feet, came from an inch-long German luger which Ralph Pittman held in the palm of his hand. "I gave one to the Speaker," said Ralph, to protect Lyndon from those threats.

In the garden, where there was a buffet and bar, upstairs in the dining room where there was another buffet with bowls of shrimp, Texas baked ham, sandwiches and sweets, I saw: Sen. and Mrs. Clinton Anderson, Lieut. Gen. Charles Cabell and Mrs. Cabell, she in Delft-blue print covered with a blue linen duster; the Dale Millers—wearing their matching natural-colored silk coats; Lady Makins, wife of the British Ambassador; Sen. J. William Fulbright, Rep. and Mrs. Albert Thomas and Rep. and Mrs. Homer Thornberry of Texas; Judge Eugene Worley, former Texas Representative, and Mrs. Worley; Texas' Judge Marvin Jones, Mrs. Paul Porter, "Dutch" and Florence Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. George Shea, the Bedell Monros and Mr. and Mrs. Burks Summers.